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## Mrs. Okey Snead Whose Death Has Puzzled Police; Cabinet Photograph Taken Three Years Ago



THIS PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WOMAN WHOSE MYSTERIOUS DEATH HAS RAFFLED THE POLICE WAS TAKEN AT CHRISTIANBURG, VA., WHERE THE FAMILY FORMERLY LIVED.

## "Money Meanness" Killed Victim of Bathtub Tragedy, Says Ada Patterson

Woman Writer Calls  
Tragedy a "Horrible  
Modern Ghost Story."

By ADA PATTERSON.

Whether it develops that Okey Snead was done to death by violent hands, or whether, tired of life beset by the tyranny of littleness, she herself drowned the last frail spark of life in her suffering body, she died a victim of money meanness.

Money meanness is a less yet more hideous thing than money madness. Madness of any sort demands, even in a small amount of admiration because it is a big thing—the biggest thing in the life it controls. Madness is a conflagration devouring everything that touches it.

So even money madness may be big. It aims at a large domain, even in a small amount of admiration because it is a big thing—the biggest thing in the life it controls. Madness is a conflagration devouring everything that touches it.

What Money Meanness Is.  
The man who gambles away his life for a great fortune, and tosses the fortune to relatives or to institutions for which he cares nothing, is money mad.

But money meanness is a thing of petty villainies. It has none of the spark of madness in it. It is a distinguished mark of madness that the madman is alone in his madness. He madly enjoys a splendid isolation of ideas. But if the police theory be correct there was no isolation, but a closely knitted conspiracy, concerned in the horrible death of the young, lovely and lonely woman in the drear hours in which she was guarded by four harpies.

It is a horrible modern ghost story, more dreadful than that most gruesome of tales, "The Murders in the Rue Morgue." And the motive and the cause, whatever the immediate manner of the girl's death, was money meanness.

These four harpies, if not legally her murderers, were morally so, for they throttled her with their yearning for the few thousand dollars represented by that frail thing, her life. They crushed her with the weight of their greed and froze her in the atmosphere of their love of money, withered her by their transfer of affection from human objects to the love of green bills and yellow and silver coin. Before she was drowned Okey Snead, pretty and wistful and twenty-five, was starved. The doctors who performed the autopsy said there was no food in her stomach. Neither was



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there in her heart. Even her puny child was taken from the arms that yearned for it and placed in a hospital, and under the deadening chill of the money meanness that encompassed her she made a will cutting off that fragment of her life.

Whatever the means, she was killed by money meanness. Perhaps the carefully compiled notes on the insurance laws of all the States and the tables of the Viennese experts in death-dealing drugs indicated a far-reaching death for insurance trust, with these four harpies as twentieth century Lucrèce Borgia's. Perhaps they were alone in their study of the forbidden sciences. Perhaps they laid no hand of violence upon the obnoxious, but refused to check the flow into the ocean of the hereafter. But if they did none of these things, they chilled her soul and narrowed her life

recently things went badly with them. Their only crime, however, has been poverty.

"These Four Harpies, if  
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Are Morally So."

until the life had gone out. Money meanness! It has narrowed and chilled and ended many lives. While the services for the dead were being read last week at a graveside the words, "heaping up riches, knowing not who may gather," fell upon many ears with a new significance. "Heaping up riches! Knowing not who may gather!"

It is one of the ordinary deceases of life to provide against the gentlest pauperism of borrowing from friends or living upon relatives. It is as incumbent upon us to seek that state of financial self-reliance as it is to be cleanly of person, or to observe the chief civilities of life. But money meanness is that laudable purpose inverted. It is a proper self-reliance ingrown and become a hideous fungus.

No Meanness Than the Miser.  
There is no meanness figure than the miser, no meanness quality than petty greed. It is thrift become a fetish, and economy turned to avarice.

Verily of anything less than Divine principle is vain idol worship, but the vainest of all is the worship of the money idol. Poverty, hardship, make this idol seem a huge one to the worshiper, but to all those who watch him at his worship the idol and the devotee seem pitifully small. It is normal to work for money, but not to live for money.

It is one of the things that makes life palatable to the taste, but it is not the only thing. When we exalt it to that height, the money obsession is upon us. The money meanness is looking at a "To Let" chamber in our souls.

Money meanness is an attribute of some men. Money meanness is an attribute of many women. There is reason for this tendency in women, that makes them "beat down" dressmakers and milliners and servants. Few women have been permitted to handle money. It has been doled out to them in gingerly fashion. They have grown to look upon it with cunning eyes.

The money meanness develops out of the former nigardiness of men, when rich women with unlimited accounts at the shops had to borrow money (dimes) from their butlers, and arrange with dressmakers for rebates from overcharges. But since the household allowance has come to be an American institution, and women can cut their gown according to the cloth, the ugly money meanness plant should be stamped out. Encouraged it tends to make harpies of us all.

## Real Estate for Sale.

FOR SALE.  
\$650 will to-day buy 70 feet, Highland Park, corner of First Avenue and Milton. Terms to suit.  
N. W. BOWE & SON.

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## Church Hill Homes

\$4,150 Will buy a first-class brick house, 23d St., between Broad and Marshall Sts.  
\$2,150 Will buy a good detached corner house on 22d and Marshall Sts; nice order.

POLLARD & BAGBY.

Auction Sales, This Day. Auction Sales, This Day.  
By The Valentine Auction Co., Auctioneers,  
618 East Broad Street.

## Rare Old Colonial Mahogany AT AUCTION

By direction of the owner, we will sell at our auction rooms, No. 618 East Broad Street, on

THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, a rare collection of old Colonial Mahogany, consisting of Claw Foot Sofas, Round Inlaid Dining Table, Chairs, Ottoman, Sideboard, Dressing Table, Serving Table, Card Table, Candle Table, Shaving Stand, Washstand, Chest of Drawers, Workstand, Pier Table, Cellarette, Old China, Gold Leaf Curio Cabinet, Rosewood Ottoman, Wardrobe, Inlaid Corner Cabinet, Engravings, etc., and other pieces of valuable and rare furniture. All of this furniture is from the home of an old Virginia family, and will be sold at the best price. Ladies especially invited to attend.

Auction Sales, Future Days.  
FOR SALE.

## Valuable Mecklenburg Mineral Springs

Under decree of the Circuit Court of Mecklenburg, Va., rendered at the October term, 1909, in the suit of "Angene Lewis, &c., vs. Stivers, &c.," I will offer for sale publicly in front of the Grace Hotel, Clarksville, Va., on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1909, between the hours of 11 and 1 o'clock of that day, that valuable property known as the "OLD DOMINION SPRINGS" property, situated a few miles from Clarksville, and on or near the new macadam road. This property comprises 72 acres of land, more or less. The water of three springs is highly mineral and of great medicinal value. Seventy-two acres of this land is said to be fairly covered with excellent timber; and the water of the Old Dominion Spring, which was analyzed by Prof. Toney, of Baltimore, is said to contain valuable mineral properties, including lithia.

TERMS: One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash, the residue due in two equal payments at one and two years' time, the purchaser executing bonds for such deferred payments, bearing interest from day of sale.

CHAS. T. REEKES,  
Commissioner,  
Boydton, Va.

I. H. F. HUTCHESON, clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Mecklenburg, Va., do hereby certify that the bond required of Chas. T. Reekes, Commissioner, in the suit of "Angene Lewis, &c., vs. Stivers, &c.," under decree of October term, 1909, has been given.

This 6th day of October, 1909.  
H. F. HUTCHESON, Clerk.

By Green & Redd,  
Real Estate Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALE  
OF

No. 3019  
Monument Ave.

A SPLENDID CORNER RESIDENCE,  
ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1909,  
AT 4:30 O'CLOCK P. M.,  
ON THE PREMISES.

WE WILL OFFER THE ABOVE  
PROPERTY.

The improvements consist of a two-story and a masonry stock brick building, containing ten good rooms, besides bath, pantry and store room. The entire house is beautifully heated by the most modern hot water heating system.

The very best of material was used in the construction of this house, having hardwood doors and back band trim, and being painted throughout in enamel white. There is a double parlor in the rear of the house and a stable on the lot.

Should a purchaser buy this home for an investment, we have an immediate tenant for it.

TERMS: Very liberal and announced at the sale.

GREEN & REDD,  
Auctioneers.

NOTE--This house is very close to the proposed site of the Battle Abbey.

By The Valentine Auction Co.,  
Auctioneers.

RECEIVERS' AUCTION SALE  
ASSETS OF  
RICHMOND GLOVE MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

By virtue of deed of trust, duly recorded in the Law and Equity Court of Richmond, Va., we will sell at public auction, on the premises, Nos. 1018-1020 West Cary Street.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, at 10:30 o'clock, the assets of the Richmond Glove Manufacturing Company, consisting of 25 Power Sizing Sewing Machines, 1 Singer Zigzag Machine, 2 Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machines, 1 Seelye Die Press, Punching Machine, Cutting Dies, Glove Dies, Cutting Blocks, Sewing Machine Tables, 2 bales 16-ounce Husking Cloth (original packages), 1,600 yards Shilling, 4 bolts 14-ounce Canton Flannel, Remnants of Husking Cloth, Canton Flannel Banding, Corduroy, Thread, and Glove-making process and material cut for manufacture, 1 Oliver Typewriter, etc.

The stock and machinery will be offered in lots and as a whole. Sale positive. Terms cash.

B. H. DAVIS,  
HAROLD S. BLOOMBERG,  
RECEIVERS.

THE VALENTINE AUCTION CO.,  
Auctioneers.

ATTEND OUR AUCTION SALE  
OF

1207 Ashland Street  
1209 Ashland Street

THIS AFTERNOON AT 4:30 O'CLOCK.  
SPECIAL BARGAINS HERE.

A. J. CHEWNING COMPANY,  
Auctioneers.

Auction Sales, Future Days.

By Pollard & Bagby.

AUCTION SALE  
OF A

VERY DESIRABLE STORE AND  
DWELLING AT THE SOUTHEAST  
CORNER OF TWENTY-EIGHTH  
AND M STREETS, FRONTING SEVENTY-FIVE FEET ON TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET.

We will sell at auction, on the premises, on

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH,  
at 4:30 o'clock P. M., the above mentioned business property, consisting of a good store and dwelling, with extra large lot. This is a first-class business stand, and the property must go.

TERMS: As above.

POLLARD & BAGBY,  
Auctioneers.

By J. Thompson Brown & Co.,  
Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF A LARGE CENTRAL THREE-STORY BRICK RESIDENCE.

408 EAST LEIGH STREET,  
Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1909,  
At 4 o'clock P. M.

A fine, large piece of property. Remodeled into flats will pay well. The lot fronts 25 feet, with a depth of 150 feet to an alley 15 feet wide. Has 14 rooms, two baths (one on the first and one on the second floor). This class of property has commenced to attract the attention of investors on account of the income it can be made to bring.

TERMS: One thousand dollars cash; balance in one, two, three, four and five years, separate interest notes, payable semi-annually.

J. THOMPSON BROWN & CO.,  
Auctioneers.

## STORM OF APPLAUSE GREET'S CANNON

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ing to-day when the House and Senate met.

Representative Lamb and W. S. Brown took R. B. Howe to see Postmaster-General Hitchcock to-day about the post-office at Ashland. Mr. Howe being a candidate for the postmastership.

Governor Swanson and others of the Gettysburg Monument Commission will meet here to-morrow to select a site for the monument.

Well-Laid Plans Upset.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 6.—With great seriousness, the Democratic members of the Senate met in caucus to-day to elect a successor to Senator Culberson, who has determined to resign as chairman of the caucus because of ill health.

A tentative program had been arranged by which Mr. Money, vice-chairman, was to be elevated to the leadership and was to decline because of disqualification to take upon himself such duties because of ill health. Senator Bacon was then to be selected as chairman. With this program agreed upon, Senator Culberson's letter was read to the assembly, and then it was discovered that he had not resigned the chairmanship, but had merely stated his purpose of so doing. Immediately all the well-laid plans of the statesman were upset and further action was postponed until definite action is taken by the Texas Senator.

The caucus elected Thomas W. Keller, of West Virginia, assistant doorkeeper, which position is equivalent to a Democratic representative of the sergeant-at-arms on the floor of the Senate. Mr. Keller has been in the employ of the Senate for thirty years.

To Suppress "White Slavery."

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 6.—Suppression of the so-called "white slave" traffic in women for illegal purposes has become the slogan of an increasingly powerful international movement, to which President Taft has given much encouragement in his comments to those who have consulted him on the subject.

This fact gives new importance to the introduction by Representative Mann, of Illinois, of a bill prescribing drastic penalties for those convicted of these practices.

The bill would make it a crime for any person to aid, entice or force any female to go from one State to another for immoral purposes, whether with or without her consent; with a

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"Direct from the Factory to the Home."

Below we quote a few of the special bargains offered in this sale:

One Chickering Upright,

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One Kimball Upright,

\$150.00

One Steinway Upright,

\$279.00

One Walnut Upright,

\$59.00

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